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New Year's Eve party must close by 1 am

Check-posts to curb drunken driving

City Traffic Police will set up check-posts to curb drunken driving.

Mysuru, Dec. 30 (KS)- With Mysuru geared up to welcome 2026, the City Police has issued a set of guidelines for safe New Year's Eve celebrations on Dec. 31 and has directed hotels, restaurants, clubs, resorts, homestays, service apartments, apartments, associations, malls and organisations to conclude celebrations before 1 am.

City Police Commissioner Seema Latkar said comprehensive arrangements have been made to prevent any untoward incidents, with a special focus on the safety of women, children and the general public.

Tight security: Police Department has deployed four Deputy Commissioners of Police (DCPs), eight Assistant Commissioners of Police (ACPs), 34 Police Inspectors (PIs), 66 Police Sub-Inspectors (PSIs), 138 Assistant Sub-Inspectors (ASIs), 1,062 Head Constables (HCs) and Police Constables (PCs), along with 154 Women Police personnel, all totalling 1,466.

In addition, 10 City Armed Reserve (CAR) units, five Karnataka State Reserve Police (KSRP) Force units, two Commando teams, two Anti-Sabotage Check (ASC) teams and one Dog Squad have also been deployed to bolster security.

(See NEW YEAR on page 7)

Gas balloons BANNED

The City Police have banned the sale and use of gas-filled balloons using illegal cylinders. "Strict action will be taken against violators," the Police said. The warning follows a recent incident in which a helium cylinder exploded near Mysore Palace, killing three people.

Chamundi Hill out of bounds from 7 pm tomorrow

Mysuru, Dec. 30 (KS)- The City Police have announced restrictions on entry to Chamundi Hill after 7 pm on New Year's Eve, Dec. 31.

Entry to Chamundi Hill will not be permitted from Uttanahalli Gate, Devivana Gate, Chamundi Hill steps and Lalitha Mahal Gate after 7 pm, while entry through the Thavarekatte Gate will also be restricted after 8 pm.

Carrying food, liquor bottles or other intoxicating substances to Chamundi Hill has been strictly prohibited, according to a statement issued by the City Police.

Instructing the public to vacate Chamundi Hill by 9 pm, the Police said that visitors returning after 9 pm must exit only through the Thavarekatte Gate. The restrictions, however, do not apply to residents of Chamundi Hill, the statement added.

Disproportionate assets case

Lokayukta raids DCF, RFO

Mysuru, Dec. 30 (RK&BS)- Chamarajanagar Lokayukta Police conducted simultaneous raids on the offices and properties of two top Forest Department officers and their relatives in Mysuru city, Gundlupet in Chamarajanagar district and Bengaluru this morning.

Following the registration of cases alleging possession of assets disproportionate to their known sources of income at the Chamarajanagar Lokayukta Dy.SP's office, the raids targeted K. Paramesh, Deputy Conservator of Forests (DCF), Mysuru Division, and Nagendra Nayak, Range Forest Officer (RFO), Kundakere, Bandipur Tiger Reserve Forest, Gundlupet in Chamarajanagar district.

Aranya Bhavan, Forest Department Office at Ashokapuram in city.

(See LOKAYUKTA on page 7)

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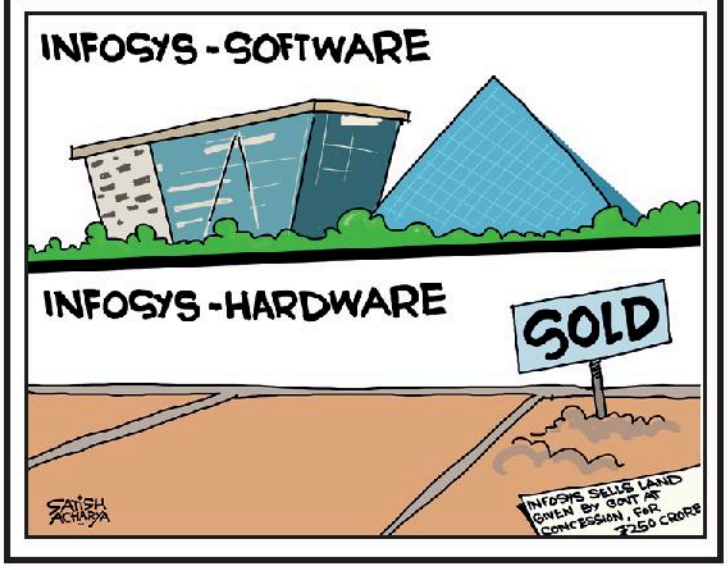
Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Tuesday 30th December 2025

STAR PUNCH

By Satish Acharya



EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

PRAYER ON VAIKUNTA EKADASHI: *After meeting the socioeconomic goals of one's family, one truly desires to be freed from the cycle of rebirth. This desire becomes a prayer, universally, on the day of Vaikunta Ekadashi, when devotees throng temples much ahead of daybreak. On this day, Vishnu Himself is said to open the portals of heaven to devotees, signifying His readiness to accept the surrender of a devotee, said Damal S. Ramakrishnan.*

In the Bhagavad Gita, Krishna says, "Having already given up dharmas as means to attain moksha, surrender yourself to Me. I will free you from all the sins, do not grieve." When He says 'mam' and 'ekam,' Krishna says 'I am the means' and 'I am also the object of attainment.' One should give up the idea that one is a doer and one is reaping the benefit or fruit. A devotee must comprehend that everything is done by God alone. For the atonement of sins, our sastras prescribe prayaschittas, which require a lot of time and are difficult to execute in presentday life. Krishna says, "Give up the various prayaschittas and seek refuge in Me. I will stand in the place of the various expiation ceremonies, so that the hindrances to bhakti yoga are removed." One may wonder at the meaning of Krishna's saying, "I will liberate you from all your sins which stand in the way of your attaining moksha, so do not grieve." It means Krishna reassures devotees saying, "Do not be afraid that I will not grant you moksha, I will certainly grant you that." One need not be worried by sins one has committed as standing in the way of attaining moksha, as long as one surrenders to Him. Vaikunta Ekadashi is a reaffirmation of this to His devotees.

— In The Hindu

NEWS SPARKLERS

Poisoning after drinking own blood

Moscow: A Russian teenager ended up in the hospital after exhibiting symptoms of poisoning due to drawing and drinking his own blood to raise his iron level. Case in point, a 17-year-old male from Moscow, Russia, ended up in hospital after watching a clip on the internet that claimed drinking one's own blood could boost haemoglobin levels.

Apparently, the teenager drew his blood with a syringe and drank it, hoping to increase his iron levels and become stronger. But it did not turn the way he had planned. After some time, the boy began vomiting blood and developed a fever. At one point, his condition got so bad that his family called emergency services. He was eventually diagnosed with poisoning and hospitalised.

Doctor Andrei Kondrakhin said that drinking blood can cause poisoning symptoms because the human stomach isn't designed to digest or process blood.

Rideable bike powered by tank engine

Zilly: Powered by a Soviet tank engine and weighing over 5 tons, the Panzerbike is by far the world's heaviest rideable motorcycle.

Brothers Tilo and Wilfried Niebel of the Harzer Bike motorcycle shop in Zilly, Germany, were in Halberstadt where a former Red Army Barracks was being demolished. The two tinkerers have always been of the opinion that old materials can be repurposed, so they were looking for parts to use in their custom motorcycles. The two brothers found an impressive cutaway model of a Soviet T-55 tank engine and were so fascinated by it that they asked if they could have it.

Little did they know that this would be the beginning of a very special project that would see them claim a Guinness Record and hold it for nearly two decades.

HEALTH CAPSULE

Heart Rhythm Depends on Oxygen Balance

Even mild oxygen imbalance can disturb the heart's electrical system. Correcting circulation often restores normal rhythm without long-term intervention.

By Dr. C.B. Keshavamurthy - Senior Consultant – Interventional Cardiology, Manipal Hospitals, Mysuru

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** Health Capsule is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature*

UoM Syndicate Member appeals VC to pay pension on time

Mysuru, Dec.30 (PM&DM)- Taking note of the long delay in the payment of pension to retired University of Mysore (UoM) teaching and non-teaching faculty, the UoM Syndicate Member Dr. T.R. Chandrashekar has appealed the Vice-Chancellor to ensure payment of pension regularly and on time.

Chandrashekar

Maintaining that the delay in payment of pension has been an administrative failure of the UoM, he said that as a result University pensioners are finding it difficult to meet their daily needs.

Noting that retired employees have the right to get their pension on time, he quoted a Supreme Court ruling which said that the delay or uncertainty over payment of pensions is a violation of the provisions under Col. 21 of the Constitution.

"The University's argument that the delay is due to lack of internal funds is not acceptable. It is the responsibility of the VC to hold talks and co-ordinate with the Government on sanction of adequate funds to meet the Varsity's future needs. The pension crisis has dented the prestige of the over a century-old University, which should come up with a clear action plan," he said.

WATER LEVEL

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Today's Inflow **2,225 cusecs**	Today's Inflow **582 cusecs**	Today's Inflow **315 cusecs**
Today's Outflow **2,353 cusecs**	Today's Outflow **200 cusecs**	Today's Outflow **200 cusecs**

REALLY...?

- *A ladybug can eat 50 aphids a day, and as many as 5,000 aphids in its lifetime. Ladybugs can live around 2-3 years.*
- *Ladybug first appeared in the dictionary in 1674 — almost 348 years ago!*
- *When ladybugs are scared, they produce a smelly chemical from their leg joints that tastes bad and helps prevent animals and other insects from eating them.*

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

Dino: *What time is the express train?*
TC: *Six 'O' clock.*
Dino: *Local train?*
TC: *9 'O' clock.*
Dino: *Goods train?*
TC: *Where do you want to go now?*
Dino: *I don't want to go anywhere. Just to sit on the track!*

TODAY'S CURRENCY RATE

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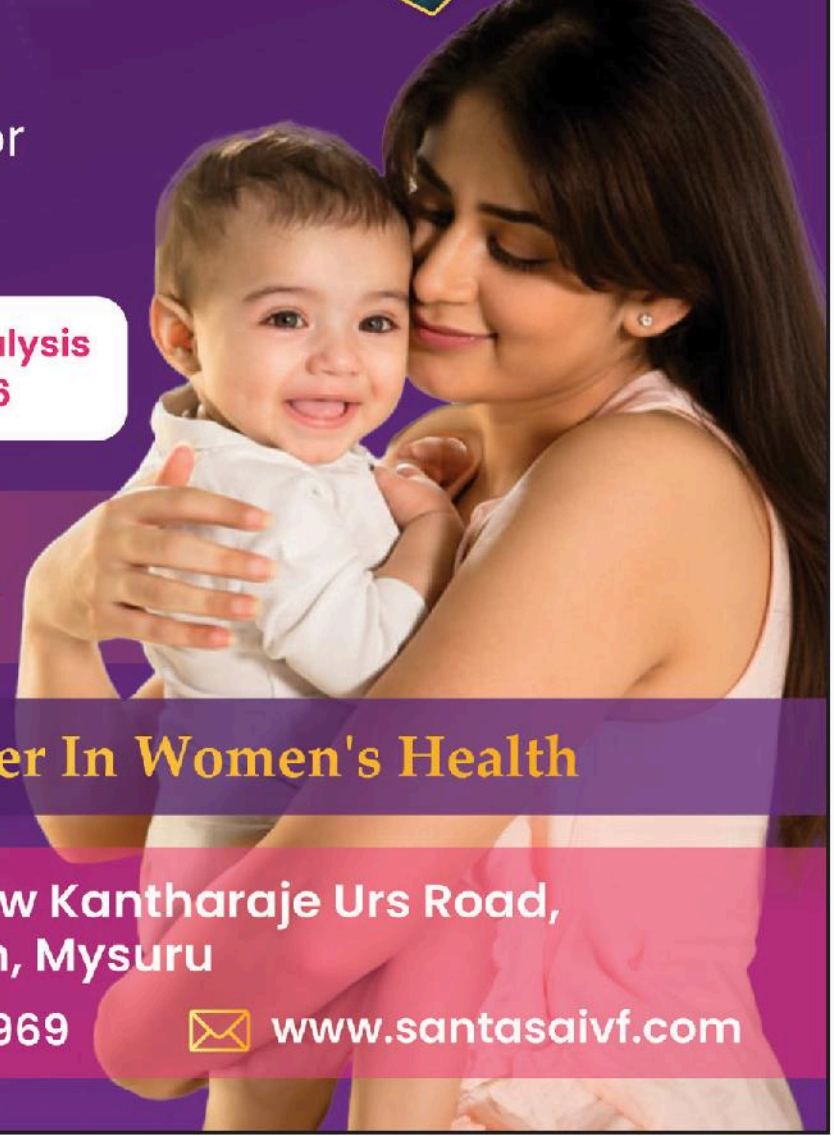

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NEWS BRIEFS

Food Mela and Free Health Camp

Badaganadu Balaga, Mysuru, has organised fun-fair, food mela and free medical check-up camp by Narayana Multispeciality Hospital, Mysuru on Jan. 4 at Badaganadu Bhavana in Ramakrishnanagar for general public. Interested may participate in Aahara Mela to be held from 10 am to 7 pm and also avail free medical camp from 1 pm to 6 pm as part of Sankranthi.

Mass Lalitha Sahasranama

Sri Chamundeshwari Kshetra Abhivrudhi Pradhikara has organised mass Lalitha Sahasranama at Chamundeshwari temple atop the Hill on Jan. 2. Devotees interested in taking part will have to be present in front of Chamundeshwari Temple at 6.30 am and also carry their own kumkum and other articles. Also, women devotees must wear yellow or red saree. The devotees taking part in mass Lalitha Sahasranama will be offered light breakfast, milk and water after the event, according to a press release.

Laddu distribution

As part of New Year celebrations, Sri Yoganarasimhaswamy Temple in Vijayanagar 1st Stage will be distributing two lakh laddus to devotees visiting the Temple on Jan. 1. Special puja rituals will commence at 4 am, followed by the distribution of laddus.

Maharshi Parampare

Maharshi Parampare, the Annual Day celebrations of Maharshi Public School and PU College, will be held at its premises in Vishweshwaranagar on Jan. 2 and 3 at 4.45 pm. Swami Ishtanathanandaji of RIMSE will grace the occasion. Krishnaraja MLA T.S. Srivatsa will be the chief guest. Maharshi Institutions Managing Trustee Dr. Bhavani Shankar will preside.

BJP office-bearers

The following are the new office-bearers of City BJP Unit after revision: President - L. Nagendra; Vice-Presidents - M.R. Balakrishna, M.P. Rajesh, Vishweshwaraiah, T.N. Shantha, K. Somashekar Raju, N. Arunkumar Gowda, S. Murali and E. Ramesh; General Secretaries - V. Somasundar, B.M. Raghu and C.K. Rudramurthy; Secretaries - P. Prashanth Gowda, Nagendrakumar, M.S. Puneeth, Srikantamurthy, M. Bhadreesh, M. Monika, Velu Armugam and Mariswamy Nayaka; Treasurer - Mahaveer Jain; Spokesperson - M.A. Mohan; Madhyama Pramukh - Mahesh Raje Urs and Office-Secretary- S. Nandakumar.

Mysuru dreams big but bus shelters decay

Neglected bus shelters expose huge gaps in civic planning, infrastructure

The dilapidated condition of BEML Nagar bus shelter. Picture right shows a bus shelter at Srirampura Second Stage standing precariously.

Mysuru, Dec. 30 (BCT)- Mysuru city's civic administration continues to dream of grand projects such as Greater Mysuru, townships, a peripheral ring road and flyovers, but the reality on the ground tells a different story.

Basic public facilities remain neglected, with the condition of passenger shelters in BEML Nagar and Srirampura exposing the stark indifference of local authorities.

At BEML Nagar, the bus shelter is in a dangerously dilapidated state. The structure is crumbling, with one wall leaning precariously and threatening to collapse at any moment.

Commuters say that even sitting or standing nearby is unsafe. Vulnerable groups such as the homeless and beggars, often unaware of the risks, take refuge here, raising fears of a tragedy and serious questions of accountability.

The situation at the Srirampura Second Stage shelter is no better. There is no seating space for passengers and the premises are routinely occupied by packs of stray dogs. With no maintenance, the shelter has effectively become a haven for strays and miscreants, forcing commuters to fend for themselves. Safety concerns intensify after dusk. The streetlights on nearby poles are rarely functional, and there are no CCTV cameras in the vicinity.

Environment conducive to crime

The absence of lighting and surveillance has created an environment conducive to theft and crime. Citizens openly express frustration, stating that there is no sense of security for passengers at these shelters.

A large section of Mysuru's residents depend entirely on buses for their daily commute. Yet, the poor condition of passenger shelters has forced commuters to wait by the roadside for buses. Residents point out that this not only causes inconvenience but also exposes passengers to serious risks.

Suresh, a resident, stressed the urgent need for proper facilities: "For passengers, there must be well-maintained shelters, adequate lighting, CCTV cameras and a regular Police beat system to ensure safety."

Citizens argue that without these basic measures, the promise of safe and dignified public transport remains unfulfilled, even as the city pursues ambitious infrastructure projects.

ASI Naganayaka no more

Naganayaka

Chamarajanagar, Dec. 30- Santhemarahalli Police Station Assistant Sub-Inspector (ASI) Naganayaka (51) passed away following a heart attack at a private hospital in Yelandur yesterday.

Naganayaka, who had returned home, after taking part in Kesthur Bandi Jathra bandobast at Kellamballi village, complained of chest pain and was soon taken to JSS Hospital where he breathed his last.

A resident of Yaragamballi village, his last rites were performed at his native, according to family sources.

Nanjangud Senior Journalist Krishnarao passes away

S. Krishnarao

Nanjangud, Dec. 30- Senior Journalist S. Krishnarao (79), a resident of Nanjangud town, passed away at his residence yesterday.

He leaves behind his wife, three daughters and a host of relatives and friends.

He had served in Journalism field for over four decades and was popularly known as 'Ajatashatru' of the town. He had served as Honorary Editor of *Hoysala Karnataka* newspaper for many years and won several awards and prizes for his service to the society.

He had also served as the *Dharmadarshi* of the famed Srikanteshwaraswamy Temple in Nanjangud and as the President of Nanjangud Taluk Journalists Association.

Last rites were performed on the Banks of River Kapila in the town last evening.

Obituary

M. Ranoji Rao Suryavamshe

Mysuru, Dec. 30- M. Ranoji Rao Suryavamshe (70), a resident of Lakshmikanthanagar in Hebbal, passed away in the wee hours of today in city.

He leaves behind his brother M. Lakshminarayana Rao, sisters M. Yashoda Bai and M. Rekha Bai and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were held at Chirashantidhama in Gokulam this morning, according to family sources.

Bhagyalakshmi

Bhagyalakshmi (64), a resident of Ramakrishnanagar E&F Block here, passed away yesterday in city.

A spinster, she leaves behind two brothers, two sisters and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were held at the foot of Chamundi Hill this afternoon.

Mohammad Basheer

Mohammad Basheer (85), a mutton merchant and a resident of Mandi Mohalla here, passed away on Dec. 28 in city.

He leaves behind three sons and a host of relatives and friends.

Namaz-e-Janaza was held at Eidgah Masjid yesterday, followed by the burial at Muslim Burial Grounds near Tipu Circle.

T.N. Revanna

Nanjangud: T.N. Revanna (74), a retired Revenue Officer and a resident of Tandavapura in the taluk, passed away yesterday.

He leaves behind his wife, a son and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were performed at his native village this afternoon, according to family sources.

VOICE OF THE READER

Drink and drive check can spread infection

Sir,

Yesterday, around 9.30 pm, I was driving in front of Hotel Southern Star. I noticed a huge traffic jam and my car slowed down near the Maharani's College bus stop.

When my turn came, a Police Constable wearing a mask stopped our car and asked us to lower the window. Upon lowering the window, he put his head inside the car, close to my face and asked me to blow air from my mouth onto him.

I was surprised by this act and asked him what was happening. He replied arrogantly that it was a 'drink and drive' check.

This act by the Police Department is not pardonable. Are we expected to spread infection due to the lack of proper gadgets (breath analysers) and infrastructure in the department?

If there are not sufficient gadgets, then why implement rules in this manner?

This unscientific way of checking can lead to severe infection, especially among elderly persons and children. Moreover, I do not know the health condition of the Police Constable who is putting his head into my car or into any other car.

I request the City Police Commissioner to look into this matter and put an end to such unscientific methods of checking in our city, in the interest of protecting public health.

—Mohammed Aslam,
Rtd. Safety Officer,
Hitachi Energy
Mysuru 28.12.2025

Wins Mr. India title

Chamarajanagar, Dec. 30 (SS &VNS)- **B.R. Hemanth,** a resident of Kodi Moole Basavanapura here, has won ***Mr. India*** title at the National-level body-building competition organised by Fitness International Federation at Goa on Saturday last.

Taking part in Men's Junior and Senior Physique competition, Hemanth won the overall championship. Speaking to *Star of Mysore,* Hemanth said that he started preparing for the competition last year with an aim to emerge victorious and added that he was happy to have reached his goal.

"Now that I have achieved my feat at National-level, my aim is to take part in international body-building competitions to be held in Thailand and Dubai next year," he added.

Currently working as fitness instructor in Mangaluru, he completed MBA from Srinivasa Institute of Technology, also in Mangaluru. He is the son of B.R. Ravikumar, a farmer and Hema couple, residents of Kodi Moole Basavanapura at Yalandur taluk in Chamarajanagar district.

Prof. Buttiyanda K. Thelma is Coorg Person of the Year-2025

The scientist behind first genetic study of Kodavas

Mysuru, Dec. 30- Prof. B.K. Thelma, the scientist behind first genetic study of Kodavas (Coorgs), is Coorg Person of the Year-2025. The origin of Kodavas in the State of Karnataka has been a standing riddle for ethnologists all these years.

The credit for solving the mystery behind the origin of Kodavas should go to Kodagu-born Prof. Buttiyanda Kuttapa Thelma and her team.

Carrying out a systematic sampling of the Kodavas from across Kodagu, using the available genetic analytical tools, Prof. Thelma and her team have been successful in publishing a scientific paper on the genetic makeup of the Kodavas.

The selection of 'Coorg Person of the Year' is made on the basis of a poll conducted through Kodagu's first news and tourism portal *www.coorgtourisminfo.com,* promoted by journalist and author P.T. Bopanna.

Prof. Thelma stands tall in the landscape of Indian genetics and genomics research. When she decided to take up research on human genetics, it was nearly an uncharted territory in India. But today, she is one of the country's leading experts in human genetics and related fields and has made notable contributions.

Aged around 70, Prof. Thelma, who belongs to the Kodava community known for their uniqueness in many ways, including their dress code and cuisine, must have motivated her to study the roots of her own community.

Born in Madikeri to late Buttiyanda Ganapathy Kuttapa and Manavattira Muthamma Machia, Prof. Thelma was raised in a very loving, caring and progressive

Prof. B.K. Thelma

family. They lived in a house in Madikeri town with a large backyard, which provided a warm and nurturing environment.

Prof. Thelma completed her schooling in Madikeri at St. Joseph's Convent. She recalled, "In Class X, I was the only one in my school to get first class in all four parts. The next big decision was which subject I should take in college. My father wanted me either to do Master's in Maths or join the IAS, but my heart was elsewhere. It was my dream to become a doctor. To this day, the sight of a doctor treating his patients fascinates me."

She then moved to Bengaluru to join the Mount Carmel College and later the Central College, Bengaluru, for higher studies. After her post-graduation, she chose to avail a research fellowship at the University of Delhi to do a Ph.D. She received her doctorate in 1982.

Thereafter, Prof. Thelma had a brief stint as a post-doctoral fellow at the children's hospital in Basel, Switzerland, where she had an opportunity to work with human samples — almost a dream starting to be realised, in her words.

She travelled extensively and learnt as much as possible during those couple of years. With the unwavering decision to return to the country, she headed back to Delhi University where she worked as a CSIR Pool Officer and Research Associate.

In 1987, she got a faculty position in the Department of Genetics at the University of Delhi where she continued till her superannuation. Currently she continues to serve as a Professor and National Science Chair at the same place.

All through these years of Prof. Thelma's research interest in biomedical genetics, the genetic history of the Kodavas has been her enduring interest. The study, though she says is not complete yet, provides some insights into the intriguing origin of Kodavas.

She is a recipient of several awards — to name a few, CNR Rao Lifetime Achievement Award from Karnataka S&T Academy (2021); Meritorious Service Award from University of Delhi (2021); National Science Chair (2021-2026); JC Bose Fellowship (2011-2021); SP Raychaudhuri Endowment Lecture Award, Indian Society of Cell Biology (2018); Sanghvi Oration Award, Indian Society of Human Genetics (2015); Sunder Lal Hora Medal, Indian National Science Academy (2014).

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Entries invited for Kittur Rani Chennamma Award

Mysuru, Dec. 30- The Office of the Deputy Director, Department of Women and Child Development, has invited applications from organisations and individuals who are working for women's welfare and individual women who have achieved extraordinarily in the field of sports, art, literature and education, to present Kittur Rani Chennamma Award for 2024-25.

Women, who have exhibited outstanding courage in rescuing lives by risking their own lives with time sense/ consciousness, are also eligible to apply for the award.

Applicants should have served for a minimum period of five years in the NGOs and above mentioned fields. Those drawing salaries are not eligible for the award.

Kittur Rani Chennamma Award will be presented to achievers on Mar. 8 during International Women's Day celebrations.

Prescribed application forms can be collected from the Office of the Deputy Director, Department of Women and Child Development, Sthree Shakti Bhavan, K.D. Circle, Vijayanagar 2nd Stage, Mysuru. Filled in applications, along with necessary documents, should be submitted to the Office before Jan. 3, according to a press release from the Department.

19th YEAR FOND REMEMBRANCE

H.D. PRAKASHCHAND
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Sri KRISHNA SETTY Sri RAMESH BABU
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Your values and love continue to guide us.
Forever remembered. Rest in peace.
—Family Members & Krishna Group

Vaikunta Ekadashi: Devotees throng Lord Vishnu Temples across city

Mysuru, Dec. 30 (GA&VNS)- Thousands of devotees thronged various temples, especially those dedicated to Lord Vishnu, across the city this morning as part of Vaikunta Ekadashi celebrations. Vaikunta Ekadashi falls on the 11th day of Dhanur Masa according to the Hindu calendar.

Devotees queued up at the temples since early in the morning to pay their obeisance to the deity.

The specially created 'Vaikunta Dwara' was opened to devotees after priests performed customary rituals at the temples. Later, the devotees entered the temples through 'Vaikunta Dwara' to cleanse their sins and seek blessings from Lord Vishnu.

The celebrations at **Sri Lakshmi Venkataramanaswamy Temple (Vontikoppal Temple)** at V.V. Mohalla here began at 4.30 am with suprabhata and Vaikunta Dwara Pravesha, naivedya, mahamangalarati and distribution of teertha and prasada began from 5.30 am. Devotees in large numbers were seen queuing up at the temple to seek the blessings of the deity.

Meanwhile, heavy rush was also witnessed at **Sri Datta Venkateshwara Temple at Sri Ganapathy Sachchidananda Ashram** on Nanjangud Road in city. Devotees were seen standing in queue from Nada Mantapa located inside the Ashram premises till the temple. Apart from the general darshan, arrangements were also made for special darshan. The temple will be open till 9 pm.

At **ISKCON Temple** located in Jayanagar, devotees were allowed to pass through Vaikunta Dwara from 7.30 am. Arrangements were made to ensure devotees passed smoothly through the queue to enter the temple and have the darshan of Lord Krishna. Temple will be open till 10.30 pm without closure.

Vaikunta Ekadashi was also celebrated with spiritual fervour at **ISKCON Mysuru - Sri Radha Krishna Mandir** at Siddartha Layout. The Mula Vigraha of the deity was adorned in Lakshmi Narayana alankara. The Utsava Murti of Sri Radha Krishna was decorated as Sri Ranganatha Swamy and Goddess Lakshmi, recreating the divine Vaikunta, the abode of Lord Vishnu and his Goddess Lakshmi. The 'Vaikunta Dwara' was opened at 7 am.

Similar pujas and rituals were performed at **Sri Kalyana Lakshmi Venkataramanaswamy Temple** on Dr. Rajkumar Road in Kalyanagiri, **Sri Yoganarasimhaswamy Temple** in Vijayanagar, **Sri Lakshmi Venkataramanaswamy Temple** in Udayagiri, **Sri Rama Mandira** in Jayanagar, **Sri Lakshminarasimhaswamy Temple** on Kalidasa Road and other temples dedicated to Lord Vishnu.

Heavy rush of vehicles was seen on Mysuru-Nanjangud Road, near the Ganapathy Sachchidananda Ashram and KRS Road as more and more people visited Sri Datta Venkateshwara Temple and Sri Lakshmi Venkataramanaswamy Temple respectively on the auspicious day.

Mysuru City Police had also deployed Police personnel and Home Guards to keep a vigil on the proceedings. Traffic personnel were seen managing traffic near the temples to prevent traffic jam and rush.

Devotees entering the ISKCON Temple at Jayanagar through the specially created 'Vaikunta Dwara' this morning. Picture right shows devotees paying their obeisance to the deity at the temple.

Devotees line up at Sri Datta Venkateshwara Temple at Sri Ganapathy Sachchidananda Ashram on Nanjangud Road, Mysuru, this morning.

Devotees queuing up in large numbers at Sri Lakshmi Venkataramanaswamy Temple (Vontikoppal Temple) in V.V. Puram this morning.

Utsava Murti of Sri Radha Krishna, decorated as Sri Ranganatha Swamy and Goddess Lakshmi, at ISKCON Mysuru - Sri Radha Krishna Mandir in Siddartha Layout.

DC releases MDJA diary & calendar

Deputy Commissioner (DC) G. Lakshmikanth Reddy** (third from left) **and Managing Director of Siddharta Group P.V. Giri** (second from left), **who released the 2026 diary and calendar brought out by Mysuru District Journalists Association (MDJA) at a programme held at Pathrakarthara Bhavan in city this morning, seen with** (from left) **MDJA President K. Deepak, Zilla Panchayat Chief Executive Officer (CEO) S. Ukesh Kumar, Information & Public Relations Department Assistant Director H.S. Nirmala and MDJA General Secretary Dharmapura Narayan.

Case of missing girl ends in youth's suicide

Nagendra

T. Narasipur, Dec. 30 (KS)- A 23-year-old youth ended his life by hanging himself after the girl he was in love with went missing.

After the girl went missing, villagers allegedly assaulted and threatened him and he was depressed over the developments. The incident took place at B. Seehalli village under Bannur Police limits in the taluk.

The deceased has been identified as Nagendra, son of late Jayaramu and Manjula. It is said, Nagendra was in love with a girl, who later went missing, following which the girl's relatives lodged a missing person complaint at Bannur Police Station on Dec. 26.

The relatives later went to Nagendra's house and questioned him about the girl's whereabouts. When he replied in the negative, the girl's relatives allegedly abused him and threatened him with dire consequences.

On Dec. 27 afternoon, B. Seehalli Gram Panchayat President Jaikumar and another person, Manju, allegedly came to Nagendra's house and took him on a motorcycle to a farmhouse belonging to Jaikumar.

There, they are said to have tied him to a pole, assaulted him with a stick, and snatched his two mobile phones, according to the complaint lodged by Nagendra's mother, Manjula. When Manjula went to the farmhouse, she saw Jaikumar, Manju, the girl's mother, her aunt and her son assaulting Nagendra.

When Manjula told them that a missing complaint had already been lodged to trace the girl and requested them to stop assaulting her son, Jaikumar and Manju reportedly told her that they were village leaders and would solve the problem.

They also reportedly threatened Manjula with dire consequences if she revealed the incident to anyone and warned her to leave the village, failing which they would kill them.

Nagendra later ended his life by hanging self in a cowshed. Holding the girl's mother, her aunt, her son, Jaikumar and Manju responsible for her son's death, Manjula has lodged a complaint at Bannur Police Station.

New Year's Eve party

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No wheeling, drag racing: The City Police Commissioner has issued clear instructions to deter indecent behaviour under the guise of New Year celebrations. Special Task Forces have been formed at the Police station level to monitor and curb such activities.

To address issues such as wheeling, drag racing and excessive noise, quick response teams comprising Traffic Police personnel have been deployed.

Check-posts have been established to monitor reckless driving and miscreants, while Highway Patrol vehicles and 112 Emergency Response teams will be active across the city.

Women's safety: Keeping women's safety in mind, Pink Garuda (Chamundi Force) teams will actively patrol during the celebrations. The Chamundi Force, comprising women officers and staff, will be on duty to respond swiftly to any incidents.

Guidelines: Hotels, restaurants, clubs, resorts, homestays, service apartments, apartments, associations, malls and organisations must obtain prior permission for New Year celebrations and ensure that all events conclude before 1 am.

Police have urged citizens to ensure that CCTV cameras installed in homes, shops and public places are functional to assist in identifying any untoward incidents.

Noise levels: Sound systems must comply with prescribed decibel limits, and prior Police permission is mandatory.

DJ music: Playing DJ music has been banned. A Sound Pollution Inspection Team has been formed to monitor violations and legal action will be initiated against offenders.

Prohibited: Consumption of liquor in vehicles at deserted places, parks, the Outer Ring Road and highways is strictly prohibited.

Obscene dances, vulgar behaviour, consumption of narcotic substances, gambling and causing public inconvenience on roads are strictly prohibited. Legal action will be taken against violators, Police said.

Social media misuse: Posting misleading or fake information related to New Year celebrations on social media that may cause public panic will attract legal action.

Digital scams: The public has been advised to avoid unfamiliar links on social media to prevent falling prey to digital scams disguised as gift exchanges.

Check-posts: As a precautionary measure, check-posts will be set up at all entry and exit points to the city.

Members of the public facing any issues during New Year celebrations may contact the Police Control Room at Ph: 0821-2418339, 2418139 or 112.

Legal action will be initiated against those violating the guidelines and the public has been urged to cooperate with the Police to ensure a safe and joyful New Year celebration.

Lokayukta raids DCF, RFO

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The Lokayukta Police, divided into 10 teams, conducted raids at 10 different locations and scrutinised documents related to the movable and immovable properties of the accused.

DCF Paramesh was at his official quarters in Ashokapuram when Lokayukta Police knocked on his door at about 6.30 am.

The raids were extended to his office at Aranya Bhavan, a house in Aditya Layout on Hunsur Road, his brother Jagadish's house in Bogadi Second Stage, and his mother-in-law's house at Banashankari in Bengaluru, covering a total of five locations.

Acting on directions of Mysuru Lokayukta SP T.J. Udesh, a team led by Dy.SPs Araga Shylendra and Dinakar Shetty, along with Inspectors Girish, Vijaykumar, Shantinath Honnur, and Bengaluru Lokayukta Inspector Anand and staff, carried out raids.

Similarly, five premises belonging to RFO Nagendra Nayak and his relatives were raided. These included the Forest Department office in Gundlupet town, his residence in Darshan Layout and his father-in-law's house in Gundlupet town, his official quarters in Kundakere and a farmhouse in Lakkur village of Gundlupet taluk in Chamarajanagar district.

Lokayukta Dy.SP S.G. Gajendra Prasad, along with Inspectors Umesh, Shashikumar and Lohit Kumar executed the raids.

No partying in Kabini

Mysuru, Dec. 30- The Antharasanthe Police have issued a public advisory urging citizens and tourists to avoid partying at the Kabini backwaters during the New Year celebrations. The area has been declared sensitive and unauthorised entry is prohibited.

The Police have cautioned against swimming, consuming alcohol, reckless driving into the water, using loudspeakers, engaging in unlawful activities and installing makeshift platforms or tanks in the backwater zone. Such actions pose serious risks and will invite strict legal consequences.

The Police emphasised that these measures are intended to prevent accidents and ensure public safety, keeping in mind Kabini's ecological sensitivity.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform that as per the code of Ethics Regulations, 2002 (published in part III, section 4 of the Gazette of India, dated 6th April, 2002) as per the Medical council of India in respect of the Retention policies of Medical Records, we are hereby shredding the inactive Medical Records of the patients who had registered in our hospital in the year 2019. Hence, if any patients interested to collect their records of that period can contact the Medical Records Department of our hospital within 7 days of this advertisement and to collect those records, please produce the relevant documents for identification. This excludes the Mortality and the Medico Legal Cases Medical Records. However, if anyone requries their old information after discarding. The data willbe available in the form of soft copy in the medical records department of our hospital.

Sd/-
Senior Vice President –
Rest of Karnataka Apollo Hospitals

PUBLIC NOTICE

My clients Shri K. Thirumalachari, S/o. Late Sri. Venkataramanachari, R/a No.17. 3rd cross, Raghavendranagar, Thunga Road Mysuru City. and **Sri L Srinivas** ,S/o. Lakshmanappa. R/a #77 1st C Main, Ittamadu, Manjunathnagar. Near Haravijaya Apartment, Bangalore South. Banashankari 3rd Stage, Bangalore intends to purchase the property mentioned below in the schedule property from original owner they are or purchased schedule property from owner, Smt Saraswathi Ramesh. W/o. Ramesh, Any persons/company/firm institution having any claim of whatsoever kind about the schedule property or anybody opposing the said transaction, may write to the undersigned advocate or above mentioned my clients within **7 days** from the date of this notice with documentary evidence failing which my clients shall proceed with the sale transition presuming that there are no claims of whatsoever.

SCHEDULE

Mysuru District, Mysuru Taluk, Varuna Hobli, old village Harohalli Sy. No. 220 and new village Mellahalli, New Sy. No. 178 Measuring 5-01.00 (Five acre one guntas) **East by: Land Property of Doddakandaiah, West by: Land Property of Venkatappa, North by: Land Property of Rammanahalli chikkahaidaiah, South by: Road and Land Property of Kencharangaiah.**

Sd/-B.S. Pandu Pujari.
Advocate, No 2858/1, 2nd floor, 2nd Main Road, Jayanagar, Mysuru- 570014 Mob: 9449793752

Annual Day at Police Public School

Mysuru, Dec.30 - Police Public School, Mahadevapura Main Road, Jalapuri, Mysuru, celebrated its 17th Annual Day in a grand manner on Dec. 22 and 23 in three sessions at Karnataka Police Academy (KPA) Auditorium.

The first session was for the students from classes Pre-KG to class 2, with **Dr. B.T. Kavitha, Superintendent of Police (SP), Chamarajanagar,** as chief guest. She spoke on providing emotional support to ensure the child's overall development and well-being.

The annual report for this section was presented by M.G. Mantula, Vice-Principal (Nursery).

This was followed by a colourful variety entertainment programme by the tiny-tots.

Session 2 was also held on the same day at 5 pm with **Shaikh Tanveer Asif, MCC Commissioner,** as chief guest, who stressed the importance of Holistic Education. The annual report was presented by Sanchayeeta Ambrose, English HoD. Cultural programmes were presented by the students of classes 3, 4 and 5.

Session 3 commenced at 4.30 pm on Dec. 23. **DCP (Law & Order) R.N. Bindu Mani,** who was the chief guest, counselled parents on effective ways to handle their children. She advised them on understanding their child's behaviour, maintaining positive communication and setting clear boundaries.

The annual report was presented by in-Charge Principal Deena Uthappa highlighting the school's achievements in various fields.

A variety entertainment programme followed with the Grand Finale showcasing the cultural dance forms of North India.

Education without Samskara is a threat to society: MLA Srivatsa

Mysuru, Dec.30- "Education must go beyond mere acquisition of knowledge and should nurture Samskara," said MLA T.S. Srivatsa. Speaking as chief guest at the 18th Annual Day of Hari Vidyalaya, he cautioned that education devoid of Samskara could prove harmful to society.

"Knowledge can sharpen the intellect, but it is Samskara that shapes character. Without discipline, humility, self-restraint, humanity and Samskara, education remains limited to information and fails to guide society in the right direction," he said.

Citing real-life examples, he added that there have been instances where individuals who rose from humble backgrounds to occupy high positions later fell into corruption cases, highlighting the absence of strong Samskara despite academic success.

The Annual Day of Hari Vidyalaya, located in Bogadi, was held at Kalamandira. Renowned folk scholar Dr. P.K. Rajashekhar, special invitee, said, "Rather than merely acquiring knowledge, one must engage in the company of the wise, listen to their discourses, and imbibe noble qualities."

Students who excelled at national-level during 2025-26 were felicitated. This was followed by a series of cultural performances by students, including dances depicting Narasimha and Varaha avatars, Yakshagana and Panchatantra presentations.

Secretary of Hari Vidyalaya H.R. Bhagavan presided. Director Prof. K.V. Satyan, College Dean Brijesh Patel, Academic Coordinators Bhargav Ram, Janardhan and Ganesh were present.

Vishwaprajna Educational Institution, Dattagalli, Mysuru, celebrated its 30th Annual Day on Dec.24 at PKV Acharya Sabha Bhavan.

The programme was inaugurated by chief guest D. Udaykumar, DDPI, Mysuru. Speaking on the occasion, he lauded the institution for its consistent academic excellence and holistic approach to education.

School President B.K. Suresh Babu, Vice-President Y.N. Shankare Gowda, Secretary M.N. Mahendra, Trustees T.S. Satyananda, M.S. Suhas Prabhu, R.K. Raju, Working President M.N. Krishnaswamy, Head Mistress G.N. Sudha and others were present.

Meritorious students were feted for their outstanding achievements in academics, sports and other activities. Distinction holders of SSLC exam 2024-25 were honoured for their academic excellence with cash prizes and the two toppers of the school with Silver Medal, cash prize and mementos.

The day concluded with vibrant cultural events by students which mesmerised the audience.

Rotary Mysore English Medium School, Dattagalli, Mysuru, celebrated its 10th Annual Day, "Rotary Rhythm," on Dec.16 in a vibrant and festive atmosphere.

C.V. Gopinath, former Additional Secretary to the Government of India, who was the chief guest, appreciated the school's strong emphasis on holistic education.

Rtn. D. Ravi Shankar, President, Rotary Mysore, was the guest of honour. Rtn. Gp. Capt. K.S. Chandrashekhar (Retd.), School Chairman, presided.

Rtn. Gp. Capt. Dr. Vinay Vittal (Retd.), Secretary, Rtn. Roopa Venkatesh, Treasurer and S. Rajeswari, Principal, were present.

Students showcased colourful cultural performances. Meritorious students were honoured for their academic and co-curricular achievements by the dignitaries.

Bengaluru's Kogilu Layout eviction drive

State dancing to Kerala tune: BJP Spokesperson Mahesh

Mysuru, Dec. 30 (BLU&BS)- BJP State Spokesperson M.G. Mahesh has alleged that the State Government is acting like a puppet of Kerala, by deciding to build houses for those who were evicted in a recent demolition drive at Kogilu Layout in Bengaluru.

Addressing media at BJP Office in Chamarajapuram yesterday, he said, 'for the sake of Muslim vote bank, the honour and reputation of Karnataka is at stake.'

Quoting Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan, who had raised his voice against the demolition drive, Mahesh said, yet again, it was to appease Muslim vote bank with an eye on the next Assembly elections due to be held in Kerala in 2026.

"Even K.C. Venugopal, Lok Sabha MP from Kerala, has spoken in favour of Muslims. Following pressure exerted by Venugopal, Karnataka Government has decided to build houses for the displaced," said Mahesh.

There are still several people in the State living in thatched huts and slum areas, with no dwelling of their own for the past 10 years. Now, with the Government taking a call favouring Kerala natives, the interest of the State natives is neglected, said Mahesh, in a mocking tone.

BJP State Spokesperson M.G. Mahesh (centre) addressing media at BJP Office in Chamarajapuram yesterday as BJP Media Spokesperson M.S. Mahesh Raje Urs and Office Secretary S. Nandakumar look on.

The Karnataka Government has announced financial aid for the rehabilitation of those who lost their houses in Wayanad landslide, followed by announcing compensation for a victim of elephant attack. Attempts were also made to lift ban on night traffic through Bandipur, to facilitate Kerala again, which shows that the Government is acting at the behest of Venugopal in toto.

Alleging grave failure of law and order, Mahesh said after Mysuru, a huge haul of drugs worth several crores of rupees was seized in Bengaluru. Strangely, Maharashtra Police have been busting drugs racket in Karnataka, raising doubts over the style of functioning of State Police.

Shivakumar Vs Pinarayi

Meanwhile, Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar, who holds Bengaluru City Development portfolio, has hit back at Kerala CM Pinarayi Vijayan's accusations against the Karnataka Government of normalising "bulldozer raj" and engaging in "petty politics" following the demolition of over 200 houses.

CM Siddaramaiah said that details of residents have been sought from Deputy Commissioner and Municipal Commissioner. After scrutinising details, alternative arrangements will be made for eligible beneficiaries.

PM's 'Mann Ki Baat' has touched the hearts of people: Simha

Mysuru, Dec. 30 (DM)- With Prime Minister Narendra Modi delivering his last 'Mann Ki Baat' of the year on Sunday, former Mysuru-Kodagu MP Prathap Simha said that PM Modi has been sharing some important matters with the people of the nation and there is no doubt that his talks have touched the hearts of people.

Responding to the monthly talk of the PM after watching the last 'Mann Ki Baat' episode of the year on Dec.28 along with Chamaraja Constituency BJP President Dinesh Gowda and others, Simha said the PM has described 2025 as the most significant year for the country. He pointed out that Modi touched upon key matters such as Operation Sindoor, Astronaut Shubhanshu Shukla, advancements and innovations made in Science and Technology, the glorious moments of women's cricket team, the Maha Kumbh Mela at Prayagraj and the ceremonial raising of Dharma Dhwaja atop Ayodhya Ram Mandir.

Noting that PM Modi made a special reference to Kannada school at Abu Dhabi, which has inspired crores of Kannadigas, Simha said that the PM inspired the youths on leadership development and skills, start-ups and developmental programmes ahead of the New Year.

MCDCC Bank: Poll process begins

Mysuru, Dec.30 (BLU&DM)- The process for the voting in polls for electing the new President and Vice-President of the city-based MCDCC (Mysuru-Chamarajanagar District Co-operative Central) Bank began at the Bank premises at Nehru Circle on Ashoka Road here this morning.

The Bank has 13 newly elected Directors, who form the electorate of the polls. The nomination of papers began at 9 am and after the completion of all the due process that follows, voting will commence.

Counting of votes will be taken up some time after voting ends and the victors will be announced subsequently later today.

Mysuru Assistant Commissioner Ashappa is the Returning Officer (RO).

The Congress, which is the ruling party in the State, has the support of 10 Directors and the Opposition JD(S)-BJP combine has only 3 Directors backing it. The polls seem to be a foregone conclusion with the candidates backed by the Congress sure to win both the key posts.

Senior Congress leader from K.R. Nagar Doddaswamegowda and former Janatha Bazar President S. Chandrashekar are the main contenders for Bank President's post.

Congress leader accused of illegal registration of sites

Mysuru, Dec.30 (BLU&DM)- Senior Advocate S. Arunkumar has accused senior Congress leader of Mysuru district Doddaswamegowda, who is the father of K.R. Nagar Congress MLA D. Ravishankar, of illegally registering sites in the name of 12 persons, including his uncle Nagaraj, when he served as President of BEML Housing Co-operative Society at Bengaluru.

Addressing a press meet here yesterday, he said Doddaswamegowda as the President of BEML Housing Society had purchased 52 acres of land from farmers in 1992 for forming Layout.

"Subsequently, Doddaswamegowda formed the Layout and distributed sites to 400 BEML employees in Bengaluru's Rajarajeshwarinagar. He then purchased 20 guntas of land from one Kariyappa and others at Mylasandra coming under Survey No.16/1 of Kengeri Hobli, Bengaluru South taluk as per a sale agreement. Later, he registered the Agreement of Sale Deed in the name of 12 persons who also included his uncle Nagaraj, in 2003. But it was done without paying the prescribed fee for getting the GPA (General Power of Attorney) rights," he said.

Senior Advocate S. Arunkumar addressing the press meet at a hotel in city yesterday as Advocate Surendra Kumar and Nagaraj look on.

"This transaction was only entered in Book 4 sans any registered sale deed. As such, the registration done in the name of 12 persons has not found mention in the certificate of financial encumbrance or charge on property *(rhunabhara)*. Meanwhile, Muddappa, the Managing Director of M&M Company of Bengaluru, purchased this 20 guntas of land in 2014 from the farmers who had sold it to Doddaswamegowda. However, this transaction means that the land in question has been sold to two parties — the 12 persons and M&M company," Arunkumar maintained.

Continuing, he said Muddappa later got the GPAs registered in the name of Doddaswamegowda, cancelled through farmers and subsequently got the 20 guntas of alienated land registered in his name. Despite this, Doddaswamegowda managed to get this 20 guntas of land registered in the name of 12 persons, following which Muddappa moved the 10th Additional Civil and Sessions Court at Bengaluru against Doddaswamegowda and the 12 persons in whose name the land was registered, he alleged.

Maintaining that Doddaswamegowda had no right to sell the land without paying the fee for getting GPA, Arunkumar said Doddaswamegowda had not bothered to set right this glaring lapse and other discrepancies on his part. He warned of moving the Court if Doddaswamegowda does not find a solution to the lapses and that he would file a case against him under SC/ST Atrocities Act.

Reject nomination of Doddaswamegowda: Advocate to Returning Officer

Mysuru, Dec.30 (BLU&DM)- Even as the election to the President and Vice-President posts of Mysuru-Chamarajanagar District Co-operative Central (MCDCC) Bank is being held today, in which Congress leader Doddaswamegowda is a top contender for the President post, Advocate Arunkumar has asked the Returning Officer (RO) to reject his (Doddaswamegowda) nomination papers.

Pointing out that only those Directors who do not have any cases pending against them in Courts can contest the polls, he argued that Doddaswamegowda's contest in the MCDCC polls is a clear violation of Karnataka Co-operative Societies Act.

He warned of moving the Court if the RO accepts the nomination papers of Doddaswamegowda for MCDCC Bank President's post.

Doddaswamegowda reacts

Reacting to Arunkumar's allegations, Doddaswamegowda said that the elections to the MCDCC Bank President and Vice-President posts is being held today in which he is contesting.

"I had got the land in question registered legally 22 years ago. It has been 18 years since I left BEML. What is the reason that the issue is being deliberately raised now ahead of the Bank polls. It is the responsibility of the current Board of Directors of BEML Housing Co-operative Society to set right any injustice in respect of the sites distributed to the 12 persons. The Advocate representing the Society will take care of the matter," he clarified.

WORD OF THE DAY

Yen

Pronunciation: YEN (noun).
Meaning: A yen is a strong desire, urge or craving for something.
Origin: Although yen suggests no more than a strong desire these days (as in "a yen for a beach vacation"), at one time someone with a yen was in deep trouble: the first meaning of yen, used in the late 19th century, was an intense craving for opium. The word comes from yīn-yáhn, a combination of yīn, meaning "opium," and yáhn, "craving," in the Chinese language used in the province of Guangdong. In English, the Chinese syllables were translated as yen-yen, and eventually shortened to yen.
Example: "If you've got a yen for succulent, right-off-the-boat Maine sea scallops, now is the time to get them." — Stephen Rappaport, The Bangor Daily News, 26 Mar. 2025.

THE ODD WORD

Rach

Dog that hunts by scent.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Cut to the chase

Meaning: When you use the expression 'Cut to the chase' you mean to get to the point and leave out unnecessary details or preamble.
Origin: The phrase 'Cut to the chase' originated in the American film industry, when many early movies ended in a chase scene. The first printed reference to the expression comes from script direction from the 1929 Hollywood Girl: "Jannings escapes...Cut to the chase."
Example: "Let me cut to the chase: Jennifer thinks you're mad at her!"

QUOTE BOX

The less you talk, the more you're listened to. **—Pauline Phillips**

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:

FACE

Answer: Red in the face.

SUDOKU

9			8					
	1		4					7
	8	3			6	1		
	3					4	7	
			5		9			
	2	1					3	
		8	1			7	6	
1					7		5	
					4			2

Answer to previous puzzle

8	3	2	7	4	6	1	5	9
7	4	6	5	1	9	2	3	8
9	1	5	2	8	3	4	6	7
6	9	8	3	2	1	7	4	5
2	7	1	8	5	4	6	9	3
4	5	3	9	6	7	8	2	1
5	6	7	1	3	2	9	8	4
1	8	4	6	9	5	3	7	2
3	2	9	4	7	8	5	1	6

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:

1 Have or possess
4 Aide-de-camp, in short
7 Librarian's admonition
10 Tub for soaking
12 Front part of an apron
13 Black fuel
15 Makes better
17 Person's task or duty?
18 Pole for fishing
19 Short time periods?
20 Locked up
23 Crustacean
25 Old time classic movie___ Ara
26 Archimedes' cry of discovery?
29 Glide over snow
30 Eastern Daylight Time, abbr.
31 A tailor's measure
33 Capital of Turkey
36 Cert. Public. Accts.
37 Mister in German
38 Cooked in fat
39 Complies with
42 Wily and cunning
43 Young sheep
44 ___ Murmu: 15th President of India
49 Historic canal
50 Playback singer Arun
51 Subsequently
52 Irregular, abbr.
53 Inquire of
54 Noah's vessel

DOWN

1 King's birthday list honour, in short
2 Pallid
3 Degree of sorts
4 Passing grades
5 Cease to live
6 TV network
7 Old writer
8 Animal foot
9 Fifty percent
11 Sultan's wives
14 French article
16 Incline the head
19 Sound discordantly
20 Financial advisers in short
21 Playback singer Yagnik
22 Obtain more
23 Large coniferous tree
24 Furrow
27 Military cap
28 Wings or winglike parts
30 Go wrong
32 Hallucinogenic drug
34 Major pass in the Hindu Kush
35 Aircraft Earth Station
36 Underground chapel
38 Sick day cause
39 Spanish cry of encouragement or cheer
40 Wasim ___ : ex-Pakistan wicket keeper?
41 Islamic chieftain
42 Steep in liquid
44 Diameter, in short?
45 Robert Louis Stevenson's initials
46 "Take On Me" group (1-2)
47 "The" in German
48 Marking fluid

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

■	G	A	L	■	A	O	P	■	B	P	S	■
R	U	G	S	■	A	V	A	■	A	R	E	A
P	R	E	S	U	M	E	D	■	N	E	E	P
M	U	D	■	S	I	N	■	E	G	Y	P	T
■	■	■	W	A	R	■	M	L	A	■	■	■
■	U	M	A	■	K	R	E	M	L	I	N	■
■	N	A	T	■	H	A	N	■	O	R	A	■
■	I	C	E	L	A	N	D	■	R	E	V	■
■	■	■	R	O	N	■	I	C	E	■	■	■
S	U	R	F	S	■	L	C	D	■	P	T	O
A	S	H	A	■	H	E	A	R	H	E	A	R
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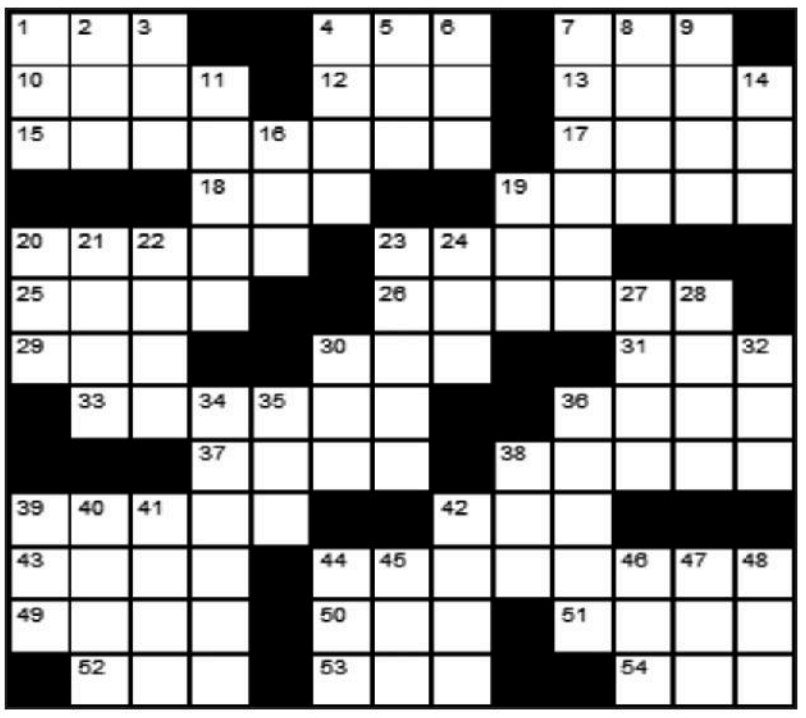

CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

PD NUP QK CEBB ZTD QK PDS

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TODAY'S CLUE: Z EQUALS W

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: Whether it's marriage or business, patience is the first rule of success.

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- **Balaji Theatre** — Mob: 98863-25207
  Dhurandhar (H) - 3 Shows

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Mark (K)	(S-1)	6.30 am
	(S-2)	6.30 am
	(S-3)	6.30 am
	(S-4)	6.30 am, 10 am, 1 pm, 4 pm, 7 pm,
Dhurandhar (H)	(S-1)	10 am, 6.05 pm, 10.05 pm
Avatar: Fire & Ash (E-3D)	(S-1)	2.10 pm
	(S-2)	9.35 am
45 (K)	(S-2)	1.30 pm
	(S-3)	4.10 pm
	(S-4)	10 pm
Sirai (Ta)	(S-2)	4.35 pm
Tu Meri Main Tera Main Tera Tu Meri (H)	(S-2)	7.20 pm
Champion (Te)	(S-2)	10.15 pm
The Devil (K)	(S-3)	12.50 pm
Anaconda (E)	(S-3)	7.15 pm
Sarvam Maya (Ma)	(S-3)	9.45 pm

MOVIES AT MYSURU VISION CINEMAS Ph: 2973519

45 (K)	:	10.15 am, 1.15 pm, 4.10, 7.05 pm, 10 pm
Vrusshabha (Ma)	:	11 am
Avatar: Fire and Ash (K)	:	12.20 pm, 6.10 pm
Mark (K)	:	1 pm, 4 pm, 6.50 pm, 9.45 pm
The Devil (K)	:	1.35 pm
Anaconda (E)	:	4.05 pm
Dhurandhar (H)	:	4.50 pm, 9.15 pm
Sarvam Maya (Ma)	:	9.50 pm

MOVIES AT NEXUS MALL

Dhurandhar (H)	:	8.10 am, 11.50 am, 3.30 pm 6.05 pm, 10.30 pm
Mark (K)	:	8.45 am, 9.55 am, 12.40 pm 4.05 pm, 6.50 pm, 10.15 pm
Avatar: Fire & Ash (E-3D)	:	9.10 am, 3.25 pm, 9.40 pm
Tu Meri Main Tera Main Tera Tu Meri (H)	:	9.30 am, 3.05 pm, 10.20 pm
45 (K)	:	9.35 am, 12.25 pm, 3.45 pm 7.10 pm, 9.55 pm
Champion (Te)	:	12.30 pm
Anaconda (E)	:	1.10 pm, 7.25 pm
The Devil (K)	:	3.55 pm
Sarvam Maya (Ma)	:	7.20 pm
Vrusshabha (Ma)	:	7.45 pm
Sirai (Ta)	:	10.25 pm

MOVIES AT GARUDA MALL

45 (K)	:	9.05 am, 12.10 pm, 7.15 pm 10 pm
Dhurandhar (H)	:	9.05 am, 3.10 pm, 5.55, 10.30 pm
Mark (K)	:	9.05 am, 12.05 pm, 2.50 pm 7.25 pm, 10.10 pm
Anaconda (E)	:	9.35 am, 4.45 pm
Tu Meri Main Tera Main Tera Tu Meri (H)	:	11.50 am, 7 pm
The Devil (K)	:	1.20 pm
Avatar: Fire and Ash (E-3D)	:	3.15 pm, 10.20 pm

EVENTS TODAY (DEC. 30)

- **Sree Nataraja English Medium High School:** 27th Annual Day celebrations, Sree Nataraja Pratishtana President Sri Chidananda Swamiji graces the occasion, BEO South Krishna chief guest, University of Mysore Finance Officer K.S. Rekha delivers valedictory address, Pratishtana Special Officer Prof. S. Shivarajappa presides, Sree Nataraja High School Head Mistress H.G. Mamatha will be present, Sree Nataraja Auditorium, **4 pm.**
- **Sadhana Mandira:** Special training sessions to perform simple and diligent Saraswati Puja by Swami Hamsananda, Sri Venkateshwara Devasthanam, Siddartha Layout, **4 pm to 4.45 pm;** Balamuri Vinayaka Devasthanam, Siddartha Layout, **5.15 pm to 6 pm;** Geetha Shishu Shikshana Sangha (GSSS), T. Narasipur Road, Siddartha Layout, **6.30 pm to 7.15 pm.**
- **Sri Mahalakshmi Temple, Kanakadasanagar (Dattagalli):** Vaikunta Ekadashi, Sahasranama Parayana by Lakshmi Bhajana Mandali, **5 pm to 6.30 pm;** Kathak by students of Vidu. Bharti Vitthal, Kalpana School of Dance and Bharatanatyam by students of Champaka Academy, Temple premises, **6.30 pm to 8 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (DEC. 31)

- **Sri Lakshminarasimhaswamy Temple of Melukote Yadugiri Yatiraj Mutt, Mysuru Branch:** Dhanurmasa Puja, Temple premises, Jayalakshmipuram, **5.30 am to 10 am and 5.30 pm to 7.30 pm.**
- **Mysore Palace Board:** Winter Festival - Flower Show, Palace premises, **10 am to 9 pm;** Palace illumination, **7 pm to 9 pm.**
- **Sadhana Mandira:** Special training sessions to perform simple and diligent Saraswati Puja by Swami Hamsananda, Sri Venkateshwara Devasthanam, Siddartha Layout, **4 pm to 4.45 pm;** Balamuri Vinayaka Devasthanam, Siddartha Layout, **5.15 pm to 6 pm;** Geetha Shishu Shikshana Sangha (GSSS), T. Narasipur Road, Siddartha Layout, **6.30 pm to 7.15 pm.**
- **Hotel Mayura Hoysala, Karnataka State Tourism Development Corporation (KSTDC):** New Year celebrations, Avarekalu Aahara Mela, Hotel premises, JLB Road, near Field Marshal K.M. Cariappa Circle, **7 pm to 10.30 pm.**

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Dec. 31: 'Kala Saptami,' weekly cultural programme, 'Laya Lahari' Percussion Ensemble by H.L. Shivashankar Swamy (mridanga and konnakol) and team — L.V. Mukund on flute, Amogh Nadadur on violin, Anush Shetty on miscellaneous percussion, V.S. Ramesh on morching, S. Nagaraj on tabla, H.L. Ananthakrishna on rhythm pad and M. Narayan on tavil, Jagannatha Centre for Art and Culture (JCAC), Vijayanagar, **6 pm to 8 pm.**

MOVIES AT MALL OF MYSORE

Tu Meri Main Tera Main Tera Tu Meri (H)	:	9 am, 4.15 pm
45 (K)	:	9.05 am, 11.55 am, 7.15 pm, 10.20 pm
Mark (K)	:	9.35 am, 9.40 am, 4.50 pm 6.55 pm, 10.10 pm
Dhurandhar (H)	:	12.10 pm, 6.25 pm, 10.30 pm
Anaconda (E)	:	12.40 pm, 7.55 pm
Avatar: Fire and Ash (E)	:	12.50 pm
Avatar: Fire and Ash (E-3D)	:	2.55 pm, 10 pm
The Devil (K)	:	3 pm

MOVIES AT CENTRO MALL

Mark (K)	:	9.15 am, 3.20 pm, 7.05 pm, 10.10 pm
Dhurandhar (H)	:	9.20 am, 12.45 pm, 6.25, 10.30 pm
45 (K)	:	9.40 am, 12.10 pm, 7.15 pm, 10.15 pm
Anaconda (E)	:	9.55 am, 4.50 pm
Tu Meri Main Tera Main Tera Tu Meri (H)	:	12.20 pm, 7.15 pm
Mindiyum Paranjum (Ma)	:	1.25 pm
Avatar: Fire and Ash (E-3D)	:	3.15 pm, 10.20 pm
Vrusshabha (Ma)	:	4.30 pm

NOTE: Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there is no minimum audience of 15.

Samskrutika Sambhrama

Mysuru, Dec. 30- 'Samskrutika Sambhrama,' the Annual Day of Vagbharati Educational Institution, Hosahundi, Mysuru, will be held at its premises today (Dec. 30) at 5.30 pm.

Researcher and Science Communicator A.S. Abhishek will inaugurate the event and unveil Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam's portrait.

Assistant Commissioner of Police (ACP) M. Shivashankar will preside. Kho-Kho player B. Chaithra will be the chief guest.

Kannada Rajyotsava, Kuvempu Jayanti

Mysuru, Dec. 30- As part of Kannada Rajyotsava and Vishwamanava Kuvempu Jayanti celebrations, Karnataka Sena Pade will be hosting a Musical Evening Programme at Vivekananda Circle in Vivekanandanagar, Mysuru, today (Dec. 30) from 6 pm.

It will be followed by a stage programme at 7.30 pm. Sri Yoganarasimhaswamy Temple Founder Prof. Bhashyam Swamiji will grace the occasion. Mysuru-Kodagu MP Yaduveer Wadiyar will inaugurate the event.

MLC C.N. Manjegowda will preside. MLA K. Harishgowda will offer floral tributes to the portrait of Goddess Bhuvaneshwari. Krishnaraja MLA T.S. Srivatsa will offer floral tributes to the portrait of Kuvempu.

MLC Dr. D. Thimmaiah will present Kannada Rajyotsava Award. Former MUDA Chairman H.V. Rajeev will distribute books and stationeries to children. Kannada Sena Pade State President C.R. Srinivasagowda will deliver talk on Kannada Rajyotsava.

Akhila Karnataka Vokkaligara Sangha Hon. President Dr. C.Y. Shivegowda will distribute cloth bags. Rajya Vokkaligara Sangha General Secretary C.G. Gangadhar will distribute sweets. MLC K. Vivekananda and actor S. Jayaprakash will be the special invitees.

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